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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to last week prices. The market tone was steady to barely steady in the West, steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, fast food moderate to good where promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were mostly sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Boneless skinless breasts and wings were moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were in good supply with good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light weights.

FINAL Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB Dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 19-APR-2010

	Grade A		Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	Wtd Avg
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:				
Boston/New England	TFEWR			79.11 18
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			74.44 10
Denver	93.50	93.50	4	89.38 8
Detroit	TFEWR			78.17 38
Los Angeles	94.00	94.03	32	83.97 114
New York	81.00-84.00	82.35	23	82.11 45
Philadelphia	80.50-82.00	81.17	12	80.98 24
Pittsburgh	80.00-83.00	81.83	12	83.32 54
St. Louis	TFEWR			76.54 20
San Francisco	94.50	94.96	14	86.41 44

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	Wtd Avg
Chicago	71.00-77.00			74.68 45

Composite Weighted Average 3/:			
Loads	04/19/10	Change Last Wk	04/12/10
420	81.21	-.38	81.59
			04/20/09
			77.54

WOG Broilers 4/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	83.00-85.00	84.12	35
Central	70.00-79.00	75.05	76
Western	80.00-85.00	84.16	59

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Mississippi	80.00-85.00	82.51	59

- 1/: Includes branded product.
- 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
- 3/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago.
- 4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes.
- 5/: Southeast area.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **85.25** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG		
LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,007	77.00-88.75	84.56

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL WTD AVG price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.50	1,597
BREASTS - B/S	176.00	6,889
BREASTS - WHOLE	94.00	1,520
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50	1,170
THIGHS	47.50	1,109
DRUMSTICKS	59.00	1,189
LEG QUARTERS	38.00	9,262
WINGS	146.00	3,427

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair as dealers assess market developments entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, supplies of boneless skinless breasts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were light to moderate and wings were readily available and slow to clear.

SOUTHERN The market tone was steady. Demand following the weekend was moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week business. Supplies of breast items were moderate to heavy, mostly moderate. Wings were heavy, and dark meat cuts were moderate and moving well. In production areas live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's. The market tone was mostly steady on whole fryers and barely steady at best on WOGS. Offerings adequate to start the week. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate. Floor stocks in balance for needs. Sizes desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .64 cents from last week to 81.09 cents on 49 loads. Trading was noted on boneless skinless breasts 133-149; bone-in breasts 91-113; tenderloins 153-162; jumbo wings 106-149; leg quarters bulk 37-45, 4/10 40-43; drums 45-65; thighs 46-53; boneless skinless thigh 86-90; and leg meat 83-91 cents delivered.

MIDWEST Final majority delivered prices into the Chicago market was unchanged; Ohio cities, Detroit, and St. Louis were TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light to moderate on light trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, at times better into fast food and buffets. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable to light. Supplies of breast cuts were adequate to occasionally plentiful, wings were ample and other parts were adequate for current trade needs. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on wings and steady on other parts.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate as dealers assessed current market conditions. Seller offerings were at least adequate for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 83 to 92 cents. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were moderate. Wings were heavy and ranged barely steady to weak. Dark meat items were adequate to in close balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	65-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were in better balance and were generally sufficient for current needs; wings were heavy with light movement. Dark meat cuts were adequate to balance and clearing well. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to fairly good, best where features were noted. The market tone was barely steady to weak for wings; steady to at least steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		155	157.00	437,480
TENDERLOINS		155	157.15	116,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	99.36	99.36	99,152
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	92.03	92.03	59,400
LEGS	52-53	54.72	54.72	102,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	36.59	36.59	322,600
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	55.20	55.20	88,600
THIGHS	42-43	50.97	50.97	89,880
B/S THIGHS	92-93	93.92	93.92	38,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	137.41	137.41	162,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	15.00	15,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.36	43.36	2,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.05	54.05	9,760

NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER PARTS FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,065	128.00-189.00	130-140	139.43
TENDERLOINS	241	145.00-226.00	-	166.53
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,627	31.00-35.00	31-32	31.78
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,340	35.00-36.00	-	35.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	697	97.00-149.00	100-101	101.39
DRUMSTICKS	464	39.00-49.00	39-40	39.59
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/19	04/15	04/15	04/12	04/08
Alabama	3,997	4,021	5.41	3,874	5.46
Arkansas	5,162	4,475	5.63	4,987	5.32
Delmarva	2,256	2,161	5.92	2,161	5.89
KY-LA-TN	2,351	2,372	5.12	2,319	5.27
Mississippi	2,995	3,010	5.86	3,020	5.95
North Carolina	2,600	2,708	7.18	2,690	7.13
Texas	2,626	2,371	5.46	2,342	5.39
Total	21,987	21,118	5.77	21,393	5.71
Mon	21,987 (A)			21,393 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Apr 2010 is estimated to be 32,895,000 up 2.47 percent from a week ago, and up 2.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,102,000 last year 31,977,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	414	142.00-195.00	-	148.23
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	31.00-36.00	-	35.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	607	34.00-38.00	-	36.40
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Apr 19, 2010 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.50 - 65.00	63.67	62.64

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 19-APR-2010 TO 23-APR-2010, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	132.00-162.00	132.00 -145.00
TENDERLOINS	150.00-160.00	152.00 -155.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	90.00-106.00	91.00 - 95.00
LEGS	48.00- 53.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32.00- 40.00	33.00 - 35.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	36.00- 46.00	37.00 - 39.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00- 52.00	-
THIGHS	41.00- 49.00	-
B/S THIGHS	90.00-	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	107.00-142.00	120.00 -138.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00- 35.00	-
LIVERS	32.00- 48.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00- 58.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	97-115
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	101-120
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 128
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 117
	ICE PACK
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 118
	ICE PACK 129
DUCKS	268-265

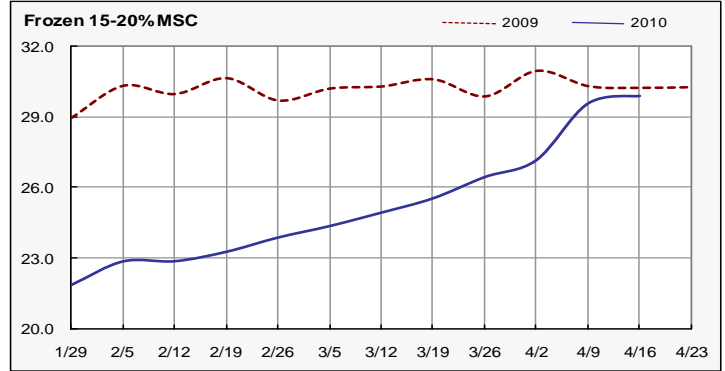
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The market tone on frozen 15-20% was fully steady to firm, fresh 15-20% steady to fully steady, and steady on the balance. Supplies of frozen 15-20% were adequate to instances close, fresh 15-20% adequate to available, and about adequate on the remainder. Supplies of raw materials were adequate to fully adequate. The spot marketplace remains unsettled and continues to see price and supply fluctuations attributed to holiday and post-holiday issues with demand and inventories, as well as production disruptions creating short term opportunities and marketplace variances. Export and domestic demand on frozen 15-20% was moderate to instances good with some price resistance and reduced interest noted; fresh 15-20% was light to moderate. Best movement to countries in Central America and the Caribbean. Mexico was light with some reduced demand noted as a result of slowed finished product sales, however some are anticipating this situation to improve in coming weeks. Schedules were normal to irregular with some shifts in operation schedules and logistics noted for the next few weeks due to some recent plant disruptions. Frame values were barely steady with trading levels ranging 7-11 cents FOB, mostly about 8 cents FOB.

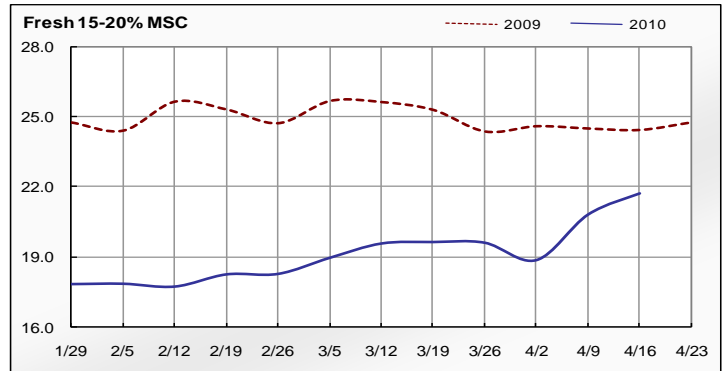
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	16-Apr-10	Last Week	Last Year	16-Apr-10	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	30.00		33.00	25.00 - 26.00	25.00	28.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00		33.00	25.71	25.29	28.63
Volume Traded	40	-	40	173	70	214
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	54
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 33.00	25.00 - 33.00	27.00-35.00	16.25 - 30.00	18.00 - 30.00	21.50-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.92	29.60	30.26	21.69	20.78	24.42
Volume Traded	2,036	2,443	2,382	3,998	3,631	3,509
Volume Exported	1,716	1,963	2,062	-	694	898
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	19.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.00	19.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	25.00	24.50	-	23.30	19.93	28.56
Volume Traded	40	40	-	408	1,182	1,208
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	217
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	25.48	23.18	30.27	19.37	17.96	25.26
Volume Traded	5,689	7,348	6,474	14,453	18,692	11,295
Volume Exported	4,937	5,815	5,620	1,958	4,039	2,815
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	18.50	16.63	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	326	326
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

**LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-APRIL-10**

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the generally adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Finished product supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16		12.17
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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